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REMARKS

A provisional patent application entitled Memory Management System and Algorithm for Network Processor Architecture having the application number 60/242,831 was filed on October 23, 2000. A petition, accompanying this preliminary amendment, requests conversion of that provisional application to a nonprovisional application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c)(3). This preliminary amendment adds claims 1-50 to the resulting nonprovisional application. Support for new claims 1-50 can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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